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Statement

Progress of Tree Planting under The Twenty Point Programme-1986

Year	Achievement	Annual	Achievement	Annual
	Item 16(A) Tree Plantation on Private Lands (Seedlings in lakh)	Increase or Decrease (In per cent)	Item 16(B) Area Covered (Under Plantation)- Public & Forest Lands (Area in Ha.)	Increase or Decrease (In percent)
2002-03	8200.77	-	725910.00	-
2003-04	7611.33	(-)7.19	844399.00	(+)16.32
2004-05	9076.10	(+)19.24	1126115.00	(+)33.36
2005-06	10265.33	(+)13.10	1485613.00	(+)31.92
2006-07 (upto Dec. 2006)	11989.18	-	1321950.00	-

Report of CPCB regarding pollution in Yamuna

†3261. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report given by Central Pollution Control Board regarding river Yamuna;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that 3,167 million litres of filthy effluent of Delhi falling into the river daily, plays a major role in polluting 22 kilometre long stream in the State of Delhi;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and whether any time-bound scheme has been formulated by Government for treatment of the said effluent; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)'s report entitled "Water Quality Status of Yamuna River {1999-2005}" dated November, 2006. The Report estimates generation of 3167 mld of sewage, against which, the installed capacity and utilized capacity for treatment were 2330 mid and 1478 mid respectively in 2003 as noted by the Report. As on date, the utilized capacity for the treatment of sewage has increased to 1590 mid.

(c) and (d) An Integrated Action Plan for cleaning of Yamuna is under implementation under the supervision of Ministry of Urban Development as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case no. W.P. 726/ 1994. As per the latest time frames furnished to the Hon'ble Court by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), specified capacity for sewage treatment will be augmented by indicated deadlines over a period of time. The DJB targets to attain utilization of sewage treatment capacity to the level of 2081 mid by December, 2007, 2326 mid by December, 2008, 2780 mid by 2009 and 3791 mid by 2015 subject to required budgetary and non-budgetary resources being available. It may be noted that as per the CPCB's Report on Yamuna River there was a reduction of about 14% in the total discharge between 2000 and 2005, indicating diversion of discharge for irrigation. Likewise the total BOD load came down by 25% from 2000 to 2005, indicative of increase in operational treatment capacity or better treatment performance.

Proposal from Uttarakhand under Forest Act

†3262, SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number, of proposals received from the Government of Uttarakhand under the Forest Act during the last one year;
- (b) whether all these proposals have been approved; and
- (c) if not, the details of the pending and cancelled proposals?

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